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## INDIA.

## CALCUTTA—Cholera and Plague.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Allan reports, September 15:

During the week ended August 27, there were reported 9 deaths from cholera and 10 from plague in Calcutta; in all Bengal, 34 cases of plague, with 33 deaths; in all India, 2,001 cases of plague, with 1,325 deaths.

## ITALY.

## Status of Cholera.

Surgeon Geddings at Naples reports, October 3:

During the week ended October 1 cholera was reported in Italy as follows:

	Cases.	Deaths.
Province of Bari:		
Andria.....	1	1
Molfetta.....	7	1
Ruvo.....	1	
Terlizzi.....	1	
Total.....	10	2
Province of Foggia:		
Cerignola.....	1	1
Trinitapoli.....	2	2
Total.....	3	3

In addition there were officially declared in the Province of Salerno and the town of Auletta, 1 case and 1 death; in the province of Caserta and town of Acerra, 2 cases; in the Province and city of Rome, 5 cases; in the Province of Sicily and city of Palermo, 4 cases; and in the same province and in the town of Monreale, 1 case.

## SITUATION IN NAPLES.

As was reported on September 25, the sanitary authorities then officially declared for the first time the existence of cholera in Naples, giving one case as occurring on that date, but on that day there were reported in the Neapolitan press, 67 cases and 49 deaths from "gastro-enteritis." Since that date the cases and deaths as reported by the press, but not as yet officially declared by the minister of the interior, are as follows:

	Cases.	Deaths.
September 24-25.....	67	49
September 25-26.....	37	28
September 26-27.....	31	21
September 27-28.....	25	16
September 28-29.....	19	10
September 29-30.....	17	5
September 30-October 1.....	11	4
Total.....	207	133

It is also worthy of comment that since the date of the official declaration the nomenclature "gastro-enteritis" has disappeared from the reports.

In addition to the official declaration of the infection of the city of Naples the following cases and deaths have been reported officially in the Province:

San Giovanni, 3 cases; Torre del Greco, 1 case; Casoria, 1 case; Cardito, 1 case; Caivano, 1 case; Santantimo, 1 case; Castellamare del Stabia, 2 cases; Secondigliamo, 3 cases; Barra, 5 cases and 3 deaths; Resina, 3 cases and 2 deaths; a total for the Province of 21 cases and 5 deaths.

In so far as the condition in the city of Naples is concerned, it may be said that the situation is improved. The official declaration of cholera has relieved the state of suspense which had taken possession of the public mind, and several important edicts have been issued and seem to be reasonably well enforced prohibiting the sale of oysters, mussels, and other articles of sea food, and the sale upon the streets of green, unripe, or spoiled fruit. More care is also being taken in matters of diet by all classes, certain low classes of inns and cafés on certain fête days during October, which are great popular festivals, having been ordered to close early in the afternoon.

The condition of the water of the harbor, previously reported infected, has for the last three days been found free from cholera vibrios. The water supply of the city continues in a satisfactory condition as to quantity and quality and no cases of cholera have occurred in vessels in the harbor since September 25. There has been interruption of the schedules of ships destined for the United States; but it is announced that the regular course of emigration will be resumed on October 7 under precautions already detailed, and it is expected that by that time the arrangements made for the movement of merchandise will have been so perfected that there will be a minimum of delay or restriction. Until a normal condition of public health is restored the ships will anchor in the open roadstead, and there will be a minimum of intercourse with the shore, and this will be under strict official supervision.

I am receiving every assistance and support from the Italian emigration authorities and from the medical officers of the Royal Italian Navy who have been detailed to assist the commissioner during this crisis. To commissioner of emigration, Cavaliere A. d'Ayello; to Capitano Medico G. Sacconi and Teniente Medico S. Muso, of the quarantine ship *Marsala*; to Maggiore Medico Professor Belli and Capitano Medico d'Accurso, of the receiving and detention ship *Lazio*; and Maggiore Medico Monaco and Capitano Medico Battaglia, of the detention building, I am indebted for many acts of kindness, cooperation, and courtesy.

Doctor Geddings further reported, October 15:

Naples, October 11 and 12, 17 cases of cholera with 12 deaths; rest of Italy, 52 cases with 22 deaths.

Doctor Geddings further reported:

Naples, October 13 to 16, 36 cases of cholera with 17 deaths; rest of Italy, 91 cases with 26 deaths.

#### JAPAN.

##### KOBE—Cholera—Examination of Rats.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Moore reports, September 15, 20, and 21:

A case of cholera was reported in Kobe September 12. The case was found on a lighter at the water front. The lighter was disinfected and the contacts were isolated.